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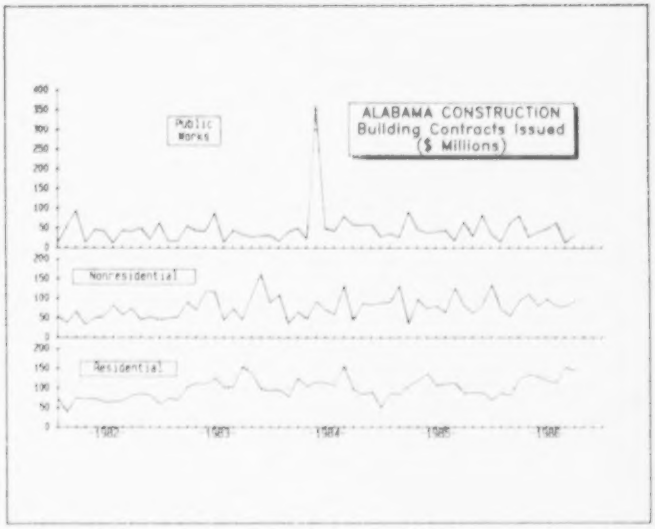

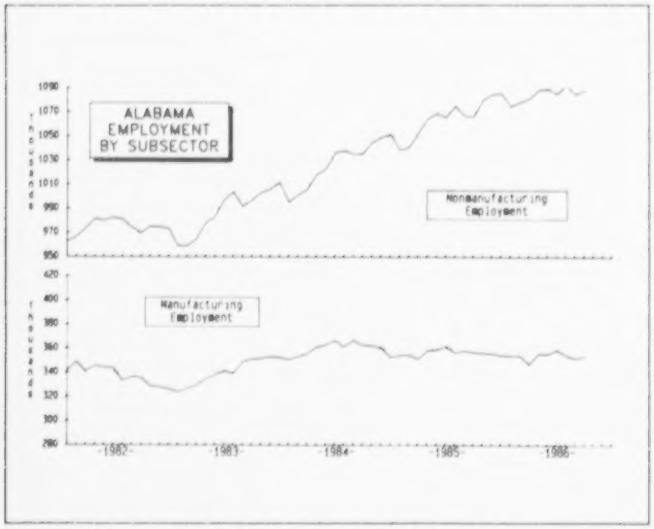

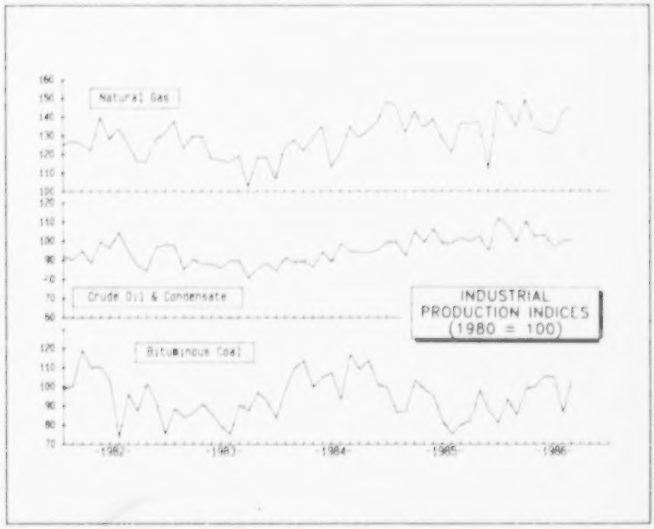

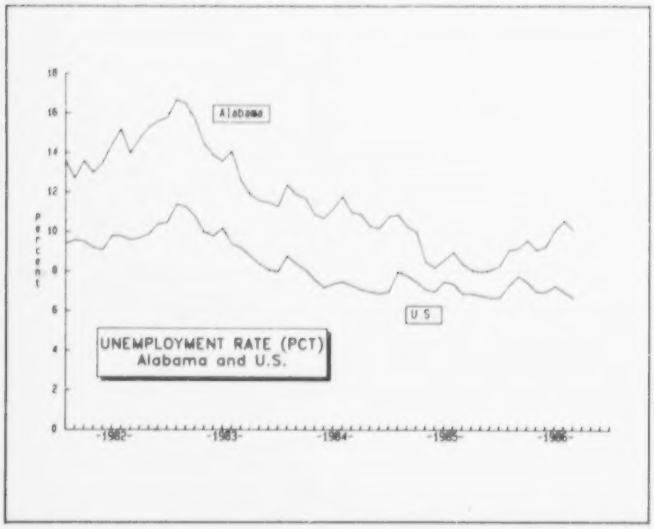

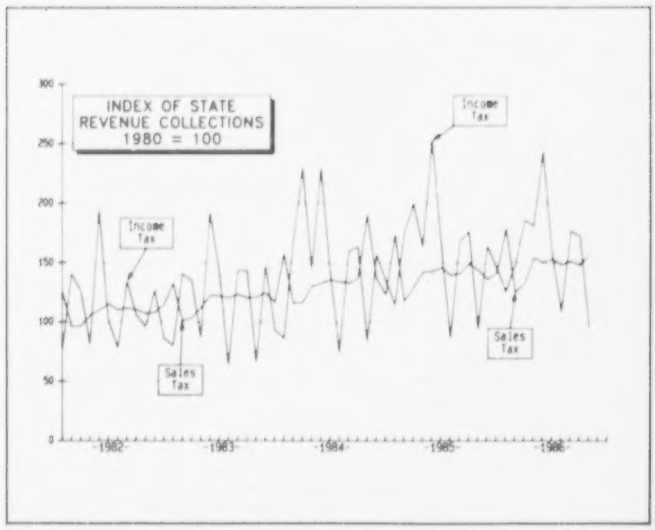

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985					1986							
	1984	1985	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	28,068	23,471	1,783	1,824	2,177	1,936	1,795	2,073	1,888	2,188	2,220	2,335	2,328	1,911	2,309
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	137,179	142,268	12,037	12,039	12,146	9,845	13,096	12,777	11,916	14,164	11,816	11,641	11,542	12,534	12,864
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	338,597	341,068	31,570	29,694	32,545	29,610	26,532	32,108	31,360	41,474	33,528	35,426	32,592	27,600	37,088
Crude oil and condensate production[2] (1,000 barrels)	19,807	21,470	1,808	1,767	1,820	1,680	1,988	1,917	1,768	1,953	1,812	1,833	1,717	1,760	1,786
Electric energy consumption: industrial purposes (1,000,000 KWH)	24,247	23,537	2,087	2,013	1,970	1,967	1,864	1,859	1,905	1,813	1,919	1,906	2,019	2,036	
Pulp, paper and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,514	6,292	499	490	547	518	511	550	509	558	556	548	541	523	529
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] ($1,000)	3,025,500	2,882,000	260,000	273,400	180,000	256,000	241,700	176,400	201,900	299,400	274,100	252,200	265,600	256,900	246,000
Residential	1,232,400	1,228,600	114,000	115,700	88,800	88,800	69,800	88,200	82,400	122,300	134,400	130,200	118,800	113,400	153,400
Nonresidential	920,000	1,075,300	126,700	89,800	62,400	82,600	136,000	72,200	55,100	94,100	111,800	80,900	97,800	79,800	79,400
Public works and utilities	873,100	578,700	19,300	67,800	29,300	84,700	35,900	16,000	64,300	83,200	27,900	41,000	49,100	63,600	13,300
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,197	1,306	132	122	121	116	85	102	93	123	131	117	124	121	119
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] ($1,000,000)	5,547	6,287	6,387	6,430	6,484	6,495	6,529	6,579	6,603	6,659	6,675	6,710	6,746	6,752	6,737
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	2,637,842	2,772,554	217,345	252,735	213,465	221,043	206,174	243,809	202,254	267,352	270,377	267,639	219,772	216,052	235,312
Franchise	64,477	69,838	587	5,384	3,204	1,372	355	621	1,437	43,281	1,905	1,897	8,254	1,148	6,214
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,095	202,540	17,838	17,930	16,144	17,282	16,159	17,475	16,481	15,086	17,075	18,417	18,026	17,557	18,853
Income	1,009,832	1,084,829	95,657	100,169	53,952	93,152	82,917	71,459	84,567	105,706	103,081	138,293	88,800	62,009	100,506
Motor fuels	50,278	51,921	4,930	3,657	4,995	5,636	5,101	3,669	4,658	3,669	3,648	5,528	3,670	3,735	5,252
Oil/gas privilege	70,182	64,950	4,665	5,874	5,425	4,421	5,083	5,411	4,970	8,183	3,309	3,225	2,722	2,527	2,626
Oil/gas production	17,331	17,600	1,267	1,569	1,479	1,199	1,384	1,478	1,341	2,236	911	882	774	717	737
Sales	704,299	730,389	60,495	63,957	61,790	58,305	60,852	76,617	53,661	56,925	66,147	64,563	65,575	63,568	65,048
2.2% Gross receipts	54,766	54,972	23		13,972	84		13,957	1	1	13,363	600		13,951	43
TVA electric	36,733	42,844	3,451	4,346		3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	7,438
Tobacco	70,023	72,774	6,578	6,042	6,038	5,961	6,104	6,258	5,451	5,799	5,432	6,528	6,336	6,504	6,280
Use	75,724	79,253	854	724	19,143	1,476	606	20,617	1,269	795	18,735	1,675	816	17,872	1,161
Utility	151,260	156,209	13,145	13,450	12,122	13,259	12,197	13,140	17,182	11,549	12,229	12,200	12,453	12,963	13,354
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index: U.S.[5] (1967 = 100)															
All items	311.1	322.2	323.5	324.5	325.5	326.6	327.4	328.4	327.5	326.0	325.3	326.3	327.9	328.0	328.6
Percent Change	4.3	3.6	.7	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	-.3	-.5	-.2	.3	.5	.0	.2
Food	302.9	309.8	309.7	309.9	309.8	311.0	313.2	315.6	315.3	315.4	316.1	317.0	317.1	320.1	322.7
Housing	336.5	349.9	352.9	353.8	354.4	355.0	355.8	356.8	356.5	357.0	358.0	358.5	361.2	361.5	362.4
Fuel and utilities	387.3	393.6	398.9	400.5	395.6	392.1	393.3	394.6	390.0	385.5	381.8	382.5	393.8	389.4	389.5
Apparel and upkeep	200.2	206.0	205.3	209.6	211.1	211.2	209.0	205.0	204.1	206.3	207.3	206.4	204.5	203.2	207.0
Transportation	311.7	319.9	320.7	319.7	320.9	323.2	324.0	323.9	319.2	309.6	303.3	305.7	308.6	304.7	301.3
Medical care	379.5	403.1	406.6	408.3	410.5	413.0	414.7	418.2	422.3	425.8	428.0	429.7	432.0	434.8	437.5
Energy	423.6	426.5	433.8	432.6	427.1	425.1	426.5	424.7	408.9	381.3	361.8	367.6	380.6	366.5	358.6
Producer Price Index: U.S.[6] (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	310.3	308.8	307.3	305.9	308.0	309.5	310.2	308.9	304.4	300.3	298.2	299.2	298.9	297.7	297.2
Industrial commodities	322.6	323.8	323.7	322.2	324.4	324.7	325.1	323.8	318.9	314.0	311.6	311.7	311.6	308.5	307.7
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.000)															
As measured by:															
Consumer prices	321	310	309	308	307	306	305	305	305	307	307	306	305	305	304
Wholesale prices	322	324	325	327	325	323	322	324	329	333	336	334	335	336	336
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,792.0	1,803.0	1,812.1	1,807.2	1,824.7	1,813.4	1,797.5	1,801.9	1,827.9	1,851.8	1,868.0	1,893.5	1,896.8	1,904.1	1,905.3
Unemployment	200.0	160.0	153.0	146.8	146.9	147.2	149.3	164.5	167.9	178.7	169.5	175.5	192.3	200.9	192.5
Unemployment rate	11.2	8.9	8.4	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.1	9.2	9.6	9.1	9.3	10.1	10.6	10.1
Employment	1,592.0	1,643.0	1,659.1	1,660.4	1,677.8	1,666.2	1,648.2	1,637.4	1,660.0	1,673.1	1,698.5	1,718.0	1,704.5	1,703.2	1,712.8
Nonagricultural	1,387.7	1,422.4	1,425.3	1,422.9	1,436.1	1,440.6	1,439.9	1,428.6	1,432.7	1,428.3	1,443.8	1,444.5	1,443.9	1,446.5	1,436.6
Manufacturing	359.6	356.5	358.3	356.9	356.2	355.8	354.3	353.9	354.4	347.0	355.8	355.3	358.8	354.4	351.8
Durable goods	174.1	174.8	174.9	174.3	174.0	25.9	25.9	26.0	25.1	25.1	25.5	25.6	25.5	25.2	24.1
Blast furn. and steel works	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.8	7.8	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.3	5.9
Iron and steel foundries	10.1	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.2	10.4
Fabricated metals	22.8	22.7	23.0	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.1	22.0	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.1	22.4	22.6	22.1
Machinery (excl. electrical)	18.0	19.7	19.6	19.8	19.6	19.8	19.9	19.8	20.0	20.2	20.3	20.2	20.3	20.3	20.4
Electrical, electronic equip.	23.3	22.7	22.3	22.5	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.6	22.8	22.9	22.8	23.0	23.1	22.6	22.1
Transportation	25.4	26.6	26.7	27.1	27.0	27.6	27.4	27.8	28.2	27.9	27.9	28.1	27.7	28.4	25.8
Other durable goods	19.6	18.4	17.7	17.5	18.2	18.5	18.4	18.2	18.6	18.9	19.0	18.9	19.2	18.7	18.9
Nondurable goods	185.7	181.7	183.4	182.6	182.2	181.7	180.6	180.1	180.7	172.5	179.9	179.7	182.2	178.3	180.3
Food	28.0	28.9	29.0	29.0	29.2	29.6	29.5	29.3	29.4	29.3	29.3	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.8
Textile mill products	39.2	36.3	36.0	36.5	36.4	36.5	36.4	36.7	37.0	36.6	37.0	36.8	37.6	37.3	37.8
Apparel	55.6	52.7	54.7	53.7	53.0	52.1	51.2	50.5	50.9	43.0	49.3	50.6	51.7	50.7	51.5
Paper and allied products	21.4	21.6	21.8	21.4	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.4	21.0	21.5	19.2	19.3
Printing and publishing	11.3	11.7	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.7	11.7
Chemicals and allied products	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.4	11.2	11.3
Rubber products	16.1	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	16.6	16.8	16.8	17.0
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9
Nonmanufacturing	1,027.9	1,065.9	1,067.0	1,066.0	1,079.9	1,084.8	1,085.6	1,074.7	1,078.3	1,081.3	1,088.0	1,089.2	1,085.1	1,092.1	1,084.8
Mining and quarrying	14.2	14.5	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.6	14.6	13.7	12.7	13.0	12.6	12.4	12.2	12.0	12.0
Bituminous coal mining	9.9	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.2	9.2	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.1
Contract construction	64.8	71.1	74.1	74.3	74.4	74.2	73.1	70.7	69.0	69.9	70.8	71.7	72.2	74.4	74.5
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.1	72.7	73.2	72.9	72.8	72.4	72.6	71.9	71.3	71.3	71.3	71.4	71.0	72.2	72.1
Trade	291.3	303.2	306.7	303.4	303.3	308.5	313.9	307.3	306.2	307.2	309.9	311.3	312.8	316.2	317.3
Wholesale	73.7	76.1	76.7	77.3	77.1	76.9	76.9	76.4	76.9	76.6	76.9	76.8	76.3	77.4	77.0
Retail	217.6	227.1	230.0	226.1	226.2	231.6	237.0	230.9	229.3	230.6	233.0	234.5	236.5	238.8	240.3
Finance, insurance, real estate	62.8	65.7	66.7	66.4	66.5	66.5	67.1	67.1	67.4	68.0	68.4	68.9	69.7	70.4	70.4
Service and miscellaneous	229.4	241.4	242.1	243.7	245.1	243.8	243.6	243.0	244.4	246.2	247.8	247.3	247.3	247.7	247.1
Government	293.4	297.3	289.4	290.5	303.2	304.8	300.7	301.0	307.3	305.7	307.2	306.2	299.9	299.2	291.4
Federal	64.9	65.2	65.6	64.5	64.0	63.7	63.7	63.5	63.5	63.6	63.8	64.0	64.3	64.6	64.7
State and local	228.4	232.1	223.8	226.0	239.2	241.1	237.0	237.5	243.8	242.1	243.4	242.2	235.6	234.6	226.7

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985					1986							
	1984	1985	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT DATA[1]															
State employment data															
State Employment Service Counties															
All Agricultural															
Nonagricultural (payroll)															
Unemployment compensation															
Initial claims (daily average)															
Payments ($1,000)															
County unemployment															
Area and nonagricultural															
Autauga															
Baldwin															
Barbour															
Bibb															
Blount															
Bullock															
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Lawrence															
Lee															
Limestone															
Lowndes															
Macon															
Madison															
Marengo															
Marion															
Marshall															
Mobile															
	164,727	166,738	167,470	166,100	167,890	167,630	166,330	166,590	169,200	171,160	172,670	175,480	176,290	176,720	176,820
	12.7	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.8	9.1	10.0	10.0	10.4	10.4	10.7	11.7	11.5	11.3

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985					1986							
	1984	1985	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT (000)															
Civilian labor force, annual and seasonally adjusted (000)															
Montgomery	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Mobile	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Total	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Employed	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Unemployed	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Percent	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Wage and salary workers	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Agriculture	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Nonagricultural industries	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Mining	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Construction	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Manufacturing	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Durable goods	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Nondurable goods	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Transportation and public utilities	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Wholesale trade	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Retail trade	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Finance, insurance and real estate	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Services	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Government	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Federal	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
State and local	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Self-employed	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Unpaid family workers	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Domestic	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Agricultural	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Nonagricultural	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Unemployment rate (%)															
Montgomery	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Mobile	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Total	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Employed	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Unemployed	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Percent	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Wage and salary workers	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Agriculture	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Nonagricultural industries	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Mining	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Construction	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Manufacturing	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Durable goods	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Nondurable goods	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Transportation and public utilities	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Wholesale trade	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Retail trade	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Finance, insurance and real estate	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Services	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Government	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Federal	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
State and local	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Self-employed	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Unpaid family workers	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Domestic	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Agricultural	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Nonagricultural	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
TRADE															
Energy Through Rail & Motor Imports															
Value ($1,000)	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Exports															
Value ($1,000)	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile (1,000 tons)	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, for industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Gasoline sales (1,000 gallons)	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
New passenger car registrations (number)	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals ($1,000,000)															
Food	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
General stores with food sold	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
General merchandise	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Apparel	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Automotive	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Gasoline service stations	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Lumber and building materials	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Hardware and farm implements	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Eating places	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Drug stores	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
All other retail	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Total sales by retail concerns	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Total all sales at retail	1,966	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967	1,967
Taxable retail sales Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties ($1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston	507,037	542,637	49,280	47,359	44,691	46,864	54,511	42,135	40,342	43,014	48,521	50,761			
Birmingham	5,020,295	5,365,751	472,650	452,379	441,556	446,494	529,691	427,637	409,788	402,396	474,870	491,378			
Dothan	641,532	667,194	57,448	55,851	56,339	53,002	65,796	51,734	50,327	49,210	56,820	61,225			
Florence	611,592	646,168	57,250	53,676	52,178	55,160	67,179	50,154	46,792	48,809	56,040	57,782			
Gadsden	458,793	475,670	42,727	39,466	38,576	39,497	45,925	35,766	34,174	33,251	41,810	40,994			
Huntsville	1,047,074	1,160,272	104,261	98,050	95,631	97,779	116,255	92,583	86,486	85,933	98,342	102,192			
Mobile	2,079,628	2,190,074	190,861	181,151	182,305	174,856	212,163	174,098	159,002	160,759	192,083	179,457			
Montgomery	1,427,914	1,510,004	129,446	126,693	121,981	122,599	153,297	116,196	114,048	122,278	133,869	134,077			
Tuscaloosa	630,169	674,640	59,531	56,543	55,957	56,662	67,990	55,207	50,901	50,129	60,016	57,406			
Counties															
Autauga	96,681	105,937	9,796	8,397	8,823	8,136	9,758	8,804	8,116	7,491	9,115	8,833			
Baldwin	343,603	355,444	32,210	28,238	26,552	25,637	30,317	25,633	25,200	27,256	31,712	31,847			
Barbour	71,563	75,338	6,396	6,249	6,265	6,120	7,551	5,825	5,772	5,880	6,413	6,390			
Bibb	41,358	44,116	3,924	3,910	3,670	3,906	4,429	3,478	3,446	3,843	4,025	4,302			
Blount	88,957	100,666	8,997	9,030	8,528	8,727	9,208	7,991	7,113	7,525	8,292	8,696			
Bullock	26,076	25,659	2,011	2,033	2,053	2,098	2,794	2,345	2,096	2,034	1,962	1,947			
Butler	65,540	63,137	5,222	5,182	5,142	5,100	5,936	5,103	4,682	5,010	5,187	4,973			
Calhoun	507,735	542,637	49,280	47,359	44,691	46,864	54,511	42,135	40,342	43,014	48,521	50,761			
Chambers	106,969	108,833	9,300	9,042	9,006	8,963	10,255	8,642	8,420	9,439	9,900	9,931			
Cherokee	47,882	50,326	4,246	4,459	4,404	3,937	4,139	4,286	3,671	3,486	4,720	4,487			
Chilton	99,805	109,585	9,566	9,102	8,985	9,304	10,471	8,412	8,457	8,801	9,354	10,506			
Choctaw	36,627	38,875	3,565	3,154	3,318	3,291	3,695	3,227	2,707	2,796	3,018	3,084			
Clarke	98,413	107,231	9,265	8,999	8,266	8,773	10,602	8,656	7,673	8,573	9,309	8,791			
Clay	26,354	26,979	2,399	2,216	2,215	2,116	2,470	2,354	2,129	2,120	2,393	2,424			
Cleburne	22,197	23,627	1,938	2,205	1,963	1,656	1,723	1,670	1,632	1,725	1,939	2,242			
Coffee	186,084	192,011	17,037	16,661	15,289	15,740	18,529	14,984	13,954	14,916	17,114	19,751			

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985					1986							
	1984	1985	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
TRADE CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties continued															
Counties (continued)															
Colbert	249,862	250,176	22,166	20,925	19,956	20,229	23,388	19,074	17,899	19,315	21,795	21,471			
Conecuh	37,496	36,944	3,243	2,967	2,845	3,260	3,526	2,699	2,543	2,557	2,790	2,940			
Coosa	8,919	10,204	867	777	990	813	914	807	685	767	838	847			
Covington	137,484	137,596	12,561	11,570	10,716	10,875	12,600	10,773	10,156	11,272	11,872	11,657			
Crenshaw	30,957	35,358	2,920	3,135	2,954	2,648	3,239	2,855	2,443	3,002	3,042	3,528			
Cullman	237,485	251,432	23,149	21,021	20,774	20,897	22,863	18,684	17,730	19,720	23,327	24,161			
Dale	104,884	114,605	9,790	9,442	9,293	9,706	11,415	8,562	8,554	8,964	10,072	10,603			
Dallas	198,889	207,950	18,694	17,215	16,669	17,275	19,996	15,794	14,834	15,997	17,102	17,507			
DeKalb	180,255	190,344	17,163	16,056	19,080	15,110	17,503	14,353	13,793	13,012	16,100	16,651			
Elmore	102,062	107,792	9,651	9,145	8,438	8,279	9,420	8,443	8,460	8,678	9,320	9,518			
Escambia	141,719	143,317	11,601	11,178	11,277	11,201	14,048	10,713	10,056	10,681	12,028	11,621			
Etowah	459,564	475,670	42,727	39,466	38,576	39,497	45,925	35,766	34,174	33,251	41,910	40,994			
Fayette	64,900	63,269	5,678	5,657	5,418	4,772	5,278	5,250	5,216	4,426	5,691	6,244			
Franklin	99,500	105,171	8,748	8,083	7,767	8,336	9,076	7,710	6,990	7,801	7,861	8,341			
Geneva	144,806	145,542	12,337	11,978	11,990	11,692	12,890	11,541	10,759	11,213	12,119	12,027			
Greene	18,302	16,898	1,554	1,508	1,395	1,347	1,437	1,363	1,391	1,422	1,494	1,567			
Hale	31,283	31,999	2,792	2,757	2,619	2,466	2,703	2,481	2,471	2,499	2,749	2,925			
Henry	35,719	38,396	3,492	3,343	3,104	3,107	3,516	3,061	2,706	2,583	3,220	2,967			
Houston	538,668	552,589	47,658	46,409	47,046	44,296	54,381	43,173	41,773	41,146	46,768	50,623			
Jackson	136,557	146,472	12,917	12,495	11,424	11,677	13,512	10,770	9,905	11,028	12,937	12,963			
Jefferson	4,275,224	4,525,935	397,800	382,490	372,786	375,633	451,113	360,663	344,785	339,154	397,009	413,375			
Lamar	37,962	37,813	3,339	2,844	3,053	3,113	3,529	3,171	2,940	2,622	3,111	3,670			
Lauderdale	382,832	395,992	35,084	32,751	32,222	34,931	43,791	31,080	28,893	29,494	34,245	36,311			
Lawrence	51,727	57,618	5,127	4,500	4,568	5,108	6,174	4,321	4,061	4,471	4,493	5,291			
Lee	346,847	372,241	33,052	32,981	30,711	33,326	38,504	29,733	26,702	28,932	31,566	34,070			
Limestone	161,430	176,626	16,262	15,123	14,405	13,833	16,882	14,122	13,110	12,833	15,345	15,815			
Lowndes	16,849	21,623	1,892	2,009	1,755	1,713	2,245	1,584	1,656	1,715	1,767	1,893			
Macon	45,109	44,359	4,078	4,107	3,987	3,471	3,825	3,992	3,585	3,450	4,190	4,399			
Madison	1,048,678	1,160,272	104,251	98,050	95,631	97,779	116,255	92,583	86,486	85,933	98,342	102,192			
Marengo	69,037	77,212	6,622	6,492	6,320	6,486	8,010	6,306	5,861	6,168	6,459	6,550			
Marion	95,238	104,142	9,068	8,781	8,440	9,045	10,492	8,719	7,996	8,029	8,771	9,639			
Marshall	339,190	382,250	34,722	32,104	30,431	32,457	35,696	28,692	27,914	30,032	33,632	36,912			
Mobile	1,756,156	1,834,630	158,651	152,913	155,753	149,219	181,846	148,465	133,802	133,503	160,371	147,610			
Monroe	102,682	105,935	10,423	9,230	9,331	11,139	12,110	6,013	5,779	5,308	6,308	6,736			
Montgomery	1,230,750	1,296,275	110,005	109,141	104,720	106,184	134,119	98,949	97,472	106,109	115,434	115,726			
Morgan	452,269	516,734	46,634	45,074	43,806	45,480	50,099	39,983	37,743	40,861	46,573	48,852			
Perry	25,100	24,054	2,007	2,101	1,887	1,914	2,167	1,873	1,844	1,859	2,097	2,016			
Pickens	41,328	41,998	3,923	3,476	3,310	3,338	3,664	3,296	3,186	3,119	4,265	4,258			
Pike	90,620	99,089	8,976	8,768	8,535	7,957	9,827	8,504	7,619	8,049	9,935	9,867			
Randolph	57,856	58,765	4,627	4,713	4,679	4,653	5,638	5,228	4,346	4,428	4,536	4,673			
Russell	121,339	122,990	9,790	9,564	10,370	9,852	11,919	9,159	8,625	9,295	11,188	10,959			
St. Clair	121,064	137,179	12,695	11,281	11,082	10,748	12,002	10,698	10,842	11,334	13,575	14,173			
Shelby	253,238	275,734	24,127	22,295	22,523	23,700	25,578	22,918	21,904	21,374	26,379	24,917			
Sumter	30,863	30,555	2,398	2,342	2,464	2,729	3,027	2,395	2,096	2,323	2,607	2,563			
Talladega	239,617	257,685	22,245	21,594	20,856	20,621	25,075	20,229	18,839	18,034	23,138	26,274			
Tallapoosa	127,374	133,242	12,044	10,896	10,688	11,389	12,630	10,377	10,695	10,275	12,519	13,030			
Tuscaloosa	631,255	674,640	59,531	56,543	55,957	56,662	67,990	55,207	50,901	50,129	60,016	57,496			
Walker	291,301	326,243	29,231	27,283	26,637	27,686	30,790	25,367	25,144	23,009	29,615	30,217			
Washington	21,658	20,665	1,692	1,978	1,645	1,622	1,556	1,642	1,529	1,240	1,693	1,856			
Wilcox	27,993	25,902	2,274	2,013	1,985	2,183	2,319	2,070	1,834	1,784	2,061	2,097			
Winston	71,276	80,203	7,307	6,868	6,801	7,040	7,560	6,217	5,623	6,121	8,906	9,795			
Statewide[11]	971,276	1,074,377	93,320	89,725	92,867	96,731	130,325	85,214	79,753	86,871	*105,118	119,835			

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1]Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2]Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

[3]These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of Dodge/DRI Construction and Real Estate Information Service.

[4]End-of-month balance.

[5]Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6]These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index". The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7]Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8]Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9]Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[11]Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

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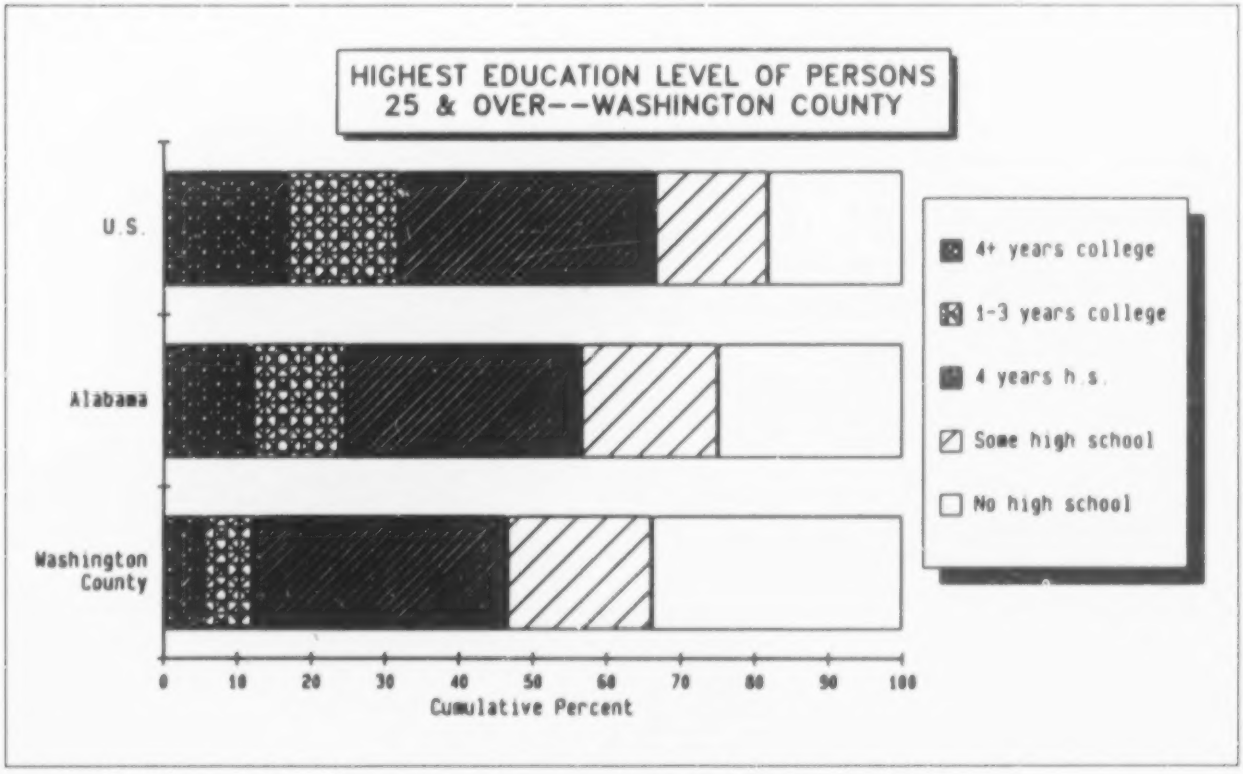
and the open spaces of Washington County and its rural neighbors, the area offers a high quality of life. All in all, Washington County should continue to be a prime candidate for industry location for years to come.

However, before Washington County can move beyond merely being a "site" for outward-looking industrial development—before Washington County can really distinguish itself on the merits of its people and their accomplishments—much work must still be done. Beyond the big plants, and beyond the promise of further development, there lies the reality faced by almost every rural county in the state. Relative to the state and the nation, the level of educational achievement is low. In 1980, as the chart shows, less than half of all persons age 25 or over in Washington County had a high school diploma. Poverty is common in the county, striking 23.5 percent of the population in 1979, including 37.3 percent of the county's black population and 45 percent of the county's persons age 65 and over. As with other rural counties, promise lies with the young. In 1984, of all persons age 16 to 19, 84.7 percent either had their diploma or were still in school. Unlike many other rural counties, however, Washington County need not watch helplessly while the brightest and most highly motivated of its new workers flock to better opportunities elsewhere. The hope of new jobs from local industrial development may encourage more young people to stay on in Washington County. With continued hard work and careful exploitation of her advantages, Washington County can become that rare thing in Alabama—a rural success.

—Edward Rigdon



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The Economy in Perspective:

Focus on Washington County

Washington County, Alabama, is located on the southwestern edge of the state. It is bordered on the west by the Mississippi state line and on the north by Choctaw County. On the east, Washington County faces Clarke County across the Tombigbee River, while to the south lies Mobile County. The land is typical of the coastal plain—fertile and mostly level. Although it is a rural county (one of the 49 Alabama counties with no urban population), it enjoys remarkably easy access by highway and waterway.

Washington is the oldest county in Alabama. It was established in 1800 (19 years before Alabama's admission to the Union) by proclamation of the governor of the Mississippi Territory. In original extent, Washington County stretched from the Chattahoochee River (then the eastern boundary of the territory, now the eastern boundary of Alabama) to the Pearl River (which now links Jackson, Miss. to the Gulf Coast), and from latitude 31 degrees north (the boundary between Alabama and Florida) to latitude 32 degrees 28 minutes north. The 300 by 88 mile county, which included the current sites of Dothan; Phenix City; Montgomery; Selma, Demopolis; Meridian, Miss.; Jackson, Miss.; and Hattiesburg, Miss., was larger than nine modern American states. Over time, as the settler population grew, the mammoth county was broken into smaller pieces; eventually, 45 counties (16 in Mississippi and 29 in Alabama) were formed from it in whole or in part.

The territory of the modern Washington County (still the sixth largest county in the state) figured large in the early history of the region. In 1807 Aaron Burr, ex-Vice President of the United States, who was accused of conspiracy against the Government and rumored to have plans for the establishment of an empire in the West, was arrested by federal troops, according to Marie Bankhead Owens in *Our State—Alabama*, "...about five miles west of McIntosh's Bluff..." [in Washington County]. In 1817 old St. Stephens became the capital of the Alabama Territory, which was created when Mississippi achieved statehood. (A boulder marks the now-abandoned site.)

Washington County's relatively large size (1,050 square miles) and relatively small population (16,821 in 1980—15th smallest) combine to give Washington County the lowest population density of any county in the state (15.6 persons per square mile). The county's population had been rather stable, at least since 1930, but new opportunities in the county have been accompanied by slow growth. The largest town is the county seat, Chatom (1984 population—1,122). While Washington County also includes Millry (956) and McIntosh (319), about 86 percent of the county's population is rural, although only four to eight percent live on farms.

The economic life of Washington County is dominated by two factors—Mobile County and the McIntosh chemical plants. Even before the coming of settlers the areas of Washington County and Mobile County were linked. Two Choctaw-speaking tribes in the northern area had a confederacy with Mobilian Indians to the south. Later, these tribes traded corn with the French colonists of Mobile and Biloxi. Today the two counties trade many things, including workers. In 1980, 915 persons who lived in Mobile County reported work destinations in Washington County, while 780 Washington County workers (15 percent of those reporting) found employment in Mobile County. Washington County's chemical products make heavy use of Mobile's port facilities—in 1984 the leading import through the facility was chemical raw materials.

The chemical plants themselves are a powerful force in Washington County. Two large facilities, located in McIntosh, together employ more than 1,500 people. Because of these plants the little town of McIntosh is one of the more prosperous communities in the state, enjoying a 1983 per capita income of $9,863, 30 percent higher than the state average and four percent higher than the national average. For the county as a whole, 1983 per capita income was only $5,900, 22 percent below the state average but fairly typical of Alabama's rural counties. Aside from the two large plants, employers include a manufacturer of foul-weather gear and "ballistic undergarments," and the usual set of forest-products companies, but they are all dwarfed by the big plants.

The location of those operations in Washington County may seem like an anomaly, but a little study shows that the location has many advantages. Washington County's low population density and the absence of large-scale farming activities mean land is relatively cheap and plentiful. Convenient connections to the interstate highway system, the highly commercial Tombigbee River (now a part of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway), and Mobile's port facilities combine to make the rural location highly accessible for industrial activity. The labor resources and educational facilities of Mobile County mean that management and planning need not be hampered by local shortages of skilled workers. With Mobile at hand, along with the Gulf of Mexico

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